

## House Resolution 475

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing cultural, economic, and educational cooperation with Taiwan and supporting  
2 Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization and other international  
3 organizations; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States of America are long-standing allies, both dearly  
5 cherishing the universal values of freedom, democracy, and human rights; and

6 WHEREAS, Taiwan is the world's sixteenth largest economy, the United States' eighth  
7 largest trading partner, and the fifth largest market for U.S. agricultural exports; and

8 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and the Country of Taiwan have enjoyed long and mutually  
9 beneficial sister state relations since 1984 with the prospect of further growth, and the State  
10 of Georgia supports a Free Trade Agreement between the United States and Taiwan; and

11 WHEREAS, Taiwan, as a leading manufacturer of IT products, is an indispensable provider  
12 in the global high-tech industry, and its peace and stability are not only vital to the economies  
13 of the Asian Pacific region but also to the world economy; and

14 WHEREAS, Taiwan, as one of the most active contributing parties in disaster relief efforts  
15 world-wide, is not represented in the World Health Organization and other important  
16 international organizations, therefore hindering the human rights of the 23 million inhabitants  
17 of Taiwan.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 the special friendship between Georgia and Taiwan is hereby recognized, and the efforts of  
20 Taiwan to join the World Health Organization and other international organizations is hereby  
21 supported and commended.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body hereby encourages further cultural,  
2 educational, and business exchanges between citizens of Georgia and Taiwan and welcomes  
3 all opportunities to develop the special bond of friendship between Georgia and Taiwan.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. R.C. Wu, director  
6 general of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta.